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JUDGE HANDS DOWN FIVE YEAR SENTENCE FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PHILADELPHIA - Charles Lefebvre, 27, formerly of Rockledge, PA, was sentenced today to 60 months in prison for possession of child pornography, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. Upon execution of a search warrant on July 14, 2008, agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) seized three computers and one external hard drive that had been used to view and store child pornography. The defendant admitted to the agents executing the search warrant that he had collected thousands of images of child pornography by means of the Internet over a period of years. Within a month, Lefebvre emptied out his bank accounts and fled the country. Two years later, he was found living in Honduras using the identity of a Honduran citizen. After Honduras deported the defendant as an illegal alien, he was arrested pursuant to a complaint and warrant issued by this court on September 29, 2008, charging him with possession of child pornography. On November 22, 2010, the defendant pled guilty to a one-count Indictment charging him with possession of child pornography.

The defendant's collection of child pornography included images of children of all ages, from infants to teenagers, and included images of a sadistic and violent nature, such as bondage and bestiality. Approximately 166 of the video files found on the defendant's computer equipment depicted children whose identities are known and whose ages have been verified. He stated that his primary interest was in girls approximately age 10, although he collected pornographic images of children of all ages.

In addition to the prison term, U.S. District Court Judge Robert F. Kelly ordered Lefebvre to pay a \$5,000 fine and complete 10 years of supervised release.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Emily McKillip.

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